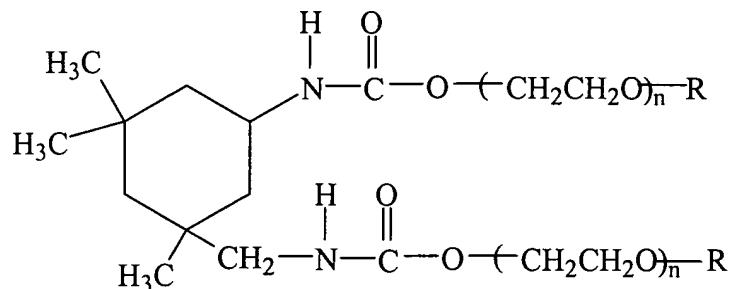


In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) A fatty ethoxylated dimeric urethane of the formula:



where n is a whole number from about 50 to 120; and

R is a C₁₂-C₂₄ alkyl or alkenyl group.

22. (Original) A composition comprising the dimeric urethane of claim 21 and an amount of water effective to solubilize said urethane to produce a solution.

23. (Original) The composition according to claim 22 wherein said solution is visually clear.

24. (Currently amended) The composition according to ~~any of claims 21 through 23~~ claim 21 wherein said composition further comprises an effective amount of a surfactant.

25. (Original) A method of increasing the viscosity of a personal care product composition comprising including in said personal care product composition an effective amount of said dimeric urethane of claim 21, wherein the viscosity of the personal care

product composition, after the addition of said dimeric urethane ranges from about 500 to about 2,000,000 cps.

26. (Original) The method according to claim 25 wherein said dimeric urethane comprises about 0.5% to about 10% by weight of said personal care product composition.

27. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 25 ~~or 26~~ wherein said viscosity ranges from about 500 to about 500,000 cps.

28. (Currently amended) The method according to ~~any of claims 25-27~~ claim 25 wherein said viscosity ranges from about 500 to about 150,000 cps.

29. (Currently amended) The personal care product according to ~~any of claims 1-9~~ claim 21 wherein n is 75.

30. (Currently amended) The personal ~~care~~ care product according to ~~any of claims 1-9~~ claim 21 wherein n is 100.

31. (Currently amended) The method according to claim ~~10~~ 25 wherein n is 75.

32. (Currently amended) The method according to claim ~~10~~ 25 wherein n is 100.

33. (Original) The fatty ethoxylated urethane according to claim 21 wherein n is 75.

34. (Original) The fatty ethoxylated urethane according to claim 21 wherein n is 100.

35. (Currently amended) The composition according to ~~any of claims 22-24~~ claim 22 wherein n is 75.

36. (Currently amended) The composition according to ~~any of claims 22-24~~ claim 22 wherein n is 100.

37. (Currently amended) The method according to ~~any of claims 25-28~~ claim 25 wherein n is 75.

38. (Currently amended) The method according to ~~any of claims 25-28~~ claim 25 wherein n is 100.

39. (New) A personal care product comprising an effective amount of the fatty ethoxylated dimeric urethane according to claim 21, water and at least one additional component selected from the group consisting of surfactants/emulsifiers, solvents, coloring agents, secondary emulsifiers, humectants, emollients, moisturizing agents, pigments, anti-perspirant agents, aromatic or deodorizing agents, UV-absorbing compounds, preservatives, skin and/or hair conditioning agents, hair straightening agents, solid organic polymers and waxes and mixtures thereof, among numerous others.